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Camden, NJ 08101

RE: Civil Action Number: 07-2867 (NLH), MDL No. 1850

To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully disagree with the proposed pet food settlement. I was surprised and dismayed to see the proposed settlement encompasses economic damages only. I lost my black lab, Jack, on February 27, 2007. He died before I could get him to the hospital. As such, I paid $186.75 for his body to be held in the hospital morgue and cremation. I joined this lawsuit in hopes that Menu Foods would be held accountable for fraud, stricter testing and laws governing what is going into our pets' food, and that pets would be viewed by the court as having an intrinsic value.

Jack died two weeks before the recall was made public. Menu Foods knew there was a problem with the pet food for weeks, maybe even months, prior to the recall. In my opinion, when an event is triggered that should have an immediate or timely response, silence constitutes fraud. Menu Foods committed fraud. If they had not delayed, my Jack would be alive. Will this proposed settlement ensure that Menu Foods and other pet food manufacturers/suppliers improve their quality testing, stop buying cheap tainted ingredients from China, and act in a more responsible manner if another problem occurs? I do not believe it will because the proposed settlement agreement is insufficient.

Jack was my child. I had him for seven years. He went almost everywhere with me. He had a babysitter on the days I worked. There is not a day that goes by that I do not grieve his loss. It has been over a year and the pain feels like it happened yesterday. My point is that Menu Foods did not destroy my television, or car, or mailbox. Saying I am sorry and awarding me a miniscule amount of money upsets me even more. I do not see any future benefit that would result from this economic settlement, and I believe another pet food crisis is inevitable.

My wish is that all the people involved receive justice and healing. If this settlement is approved, I will have no choice but to accept it. However, I do believe all of us that have endured this loss deserve more than what has been proposed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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